

# Annapolis Education Commission

## February 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Annapolis Education Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting virtually on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Commissioners Present: Chair Ochs, Vice-Chair Booth, Collison-Lee, Pachler, Ellis, Norman

Commissioners Absent: Golder, Matthews, Starkes, Ald. Finlayson, Bukowski (non-voting member)

AACPS: BOE Chair Dr. Joanna Tobin

Guests: APD Lieutenant Nicole Vaden, Jayme Weaver (to be commissioned for Ward 2), Cori Mackall (to be commissioned for Ward 6), Keanuu Smith-Brown

- I. Call to Order at 6:05
- II. Roll Call: Chair Ochs verified that a quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Agenda: No objections to accept and approve agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes: No objections to accept and approve minutes as amended (Jayme Weaver is the correct spelling)
- V. Public Testimony: There was no public testimony
- VI. Black History Month Presentation
  - a. Wiley H. Bates HS history
  - b. Keanuu Smith-Brown – substitute teacher at Georgetown East Elementary School
  - c. “Bringing Back Bates” video on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/mKMN\\_9mpVow](https://youtu.be/mKMN_9mpVow)
  - d. Bates HS closed in 1966
- VII. Community Safety Discussion
  - a. Lieutenant Nicole Vaden, acting commander for community outreach
  - b. Annapolis City Warmline: 410-768-5522
  - c. Community Crisis Response – all voluntary basis
  - d. SROs report to county but work together with city
  - e. Suggestion: Send out 911 alerts to community with support information after emergencies
  - f. Mr. Ryan Voegtlin, Director of Support Services at AACPS
  - g. Latch Key programs not as available in city as they are elsewhere in the county
  - h. Need for more activities at the middle school level
  - i. Community Schools Program may address some of these issues
    - i. Dr. Sharon Pugh, Director of Community and School Programming at AACPS & is also the AACPS Blueprint Coordinator
  - j. Need to connect programs with Pip Moyer/Rec Center
  - k. Annapolis Police Force runs community outreach programs for the community (but receives no funding from city for them)
- VIII. AACPS Update/Dr Tobin BOE President
  - a. Will have search firm for superintendent set up by mid-March

- i. New superintendent must be in place by July 1<sup>st</sup> or a one-year interim must be appointed and approved by the state board
  - b. Will be setting up public information sessions on new start times
  - c. Fundraiser for Candice Antwine Scholarship, Friday, April 29, at 6pm at Maryland Live
  - d. Money in the budget to raise bus driver pay
- IX. Committee Updates
  - a. Charter Schools—There are no funds available for new charter schools, so tabling this discussion temporarily
  - b. Student Performance and Proficiency—Needs a new chair, since Jeff is no longer on the committee
- X. Adjournment: With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 23rd.